BACKGROUND CHECK

An applicant for licensure must submit to a criminal background check pursuant to section 324.267 RSMo of the licensure law that states, “Any applicant for a license to operate a massage business or a license to practice massage therapy shall authorize the board to conduct a criminal background check. The cost of such background check shall be paid by the applicant.” If an applicant submitted a criminal background check while provisionally licensed and the results are less than one year old, a second criminal background check is not required.

Section 43.543 RSMo of Missouri law authorizes state agencies to conduct a background check with the Missouri State Highway Patrol and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

To complete the background check requirement go to the Missouri Automated Criminal History Site (MACHS) at https://www.machs.mshp.dps.mo.gov/MACHSFP/wizard.html to register online. MACHS will take an applicant through the registration steps. If an applicant does not have internet access, s/he can call 844/543-9712.

An applicant must have the four digit registration number. Applicants seeking a business license, this registration number is 5407. The registration number ties all agency/licensure entity identifying information together to insure the background check response is returned to the correct licensing entity. The MACHS website collects all demographic data required to complete a fingerprint based background check. Results of the background check are sent directly to the board office.

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT UNTIL THE RESULTS OF THE BACKGROUND CHECK AND INSPECTION ARE RECEIVED BY THE BOARD, A LICENSE WILL NOT BE ISSUED.